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SUBJ: GABONESE INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATIONS

1. 14TH ANNIVERSARY OF GABONESE INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATED  
AUGUST 17 IN KOULAMOUTOU IN OGOOUE-LOLO PROVINCE, IN  
KEEPING WITH PRESIDENT BONGO'S POLICY OF USING INDEPENDENCE  
CELEBRATIONS TO THROW SPOTLIGHT ON THE INTERIOR.

2. MFA TELEPHONED ALL MEMBERS OF DIPLOMATIC CORPS  
AUGUST 14 INFORMING US WE WOULD NOT BE INVITED TO KOULAMOUTOU  
AS THERE WAS "NO SPACE." AMBASSADORS OF FRANCE, CONGO  
AND ZAIRE ATTENDED KOULAMOUTOU CEREMONIES BECAUSE OF  
PRESENCE DISTINGUISHED VISITORS: ABELIN, MINISTER OF  
COOPERATION FROM FRANCE; PRIME MINISTER LOPES FROM CONGO;  
AND ZAIRE PRESIDENT MOBUTU. LATTER WAS LAST-MINUTE NO SHOW.

3. DETAILS OF CEREMONIES AND FULL PROGRAM FOLLOW VIA  
AIRGRAM.  
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